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REF: (A) BROWN/KAZAKOV LETTER OF MARCH 13, (B) BROWN/DARBYSHIRE TELECON OF APRIL 14

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED APRIL 23 TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET WITH COPY TO DR. V.A. ZEMSKY, DIRECTOR, MARINE MAMMALS LABORATORY, V.N.I.R.O., 17 V. KRASNOSELSKOYA, MOSCOW, B-140.

2. "DEAR YURIY: I AM PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE SOVIET SIDE IS WILLING TO HAVE DR. WILLIAM PERRIN OF THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, VISIT MUSEUMS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD TO WORK ON LARGE AND SMALL WHATE OSTEOLOGICAL MATERIALS. SPECIFICALLY, DR. PERRIN WOULD LIKE TO WORK IN THE MUSEUMS OF THE ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTES OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN BOTH LININGRAD AND MOSCOW, AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE CETACEAN OSTEOLOGICAL

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MATERIALS IN ANY OTHER COLLECTIONS, IF SUCH MATERIAL EXISTS,

IN EITHER LENINGRAD OR MOSCOW. WE REQUEST DRS. ZEMSKY (MOSCOW) AND A.S. SOKOLOV (LENINGRAD) TO INFORM US OF ANY OTHER COLLECTIONS THAT MAY CONTAIN CETACEAN MATERIALS IN THOSE TWO CITIES. DR. PERRIN WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO MEET WITH DR. ZEMSKY, DR. YABLOKOV AND DR. IVASHIN IN MOSCOW, AND DR. A.S. SOKOLOV IN LENINGRAD.

DR. PERRIN WILL TRAVEL FROM THE FAO MEETING IN BERGEN, NORWAY, ON SEPTEMBER 10, 1976, TO EITHER LENINGRAD OR MOSCOW (WHICHEVER IS MORE CONVENIENT TO THE SOVIET SIDE). PLEASE INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHICH CITY THE SOVIET SIDE PREFERS HIM TO ENTER.

DR. PERRIN WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 11-17 IN THE CITY OF FIRST ENTRY, AND THEN TRAVEL TO THE OTHER CITY ON SEPTEMBER 18, AND WORK THERE FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO 24TH. HE WOULD DEPART THE USSR ON SEPTEMBER 25. ALSO, BECAUSE HE WILL BE GOING TO THE FAO MEETING IN BERGEN, NORWAY, IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE USSR, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DR. PERRIN RECEIVE HIS SOVIET VISA BEFORE DEPARTURE TO BERGEN. WE THEREFORE REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HAVING HIS VISA ISSUED BY AUGUST 18, 1976.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT THE SOVIET SEALER/TRAWLER ZAGORIANI, WHICH IS CARRYING THREE US SCIENTISTS ON A COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CRUISE IN THE BERING SEA, HAS REQUESTED CLEARANCE TO MAKE A PORT CALL ON MAY 1 FOR PROVISIONS, WATER, AND SHORE SHORE LEAVE FOR THE CREW AT DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD (SEE PAGE FIVE OF THE JANUARY 20, 1976, MARINE MAMMAL PROTOCOL) THAT THE VESSEL WOULD COME BACK TO DISEMBARK THE THREE US SCIENTISTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY WERE PICKED UP, I.E., BY COMING ONLY INTO THE QUIET WATERS OF THE HARBOR WITHOUT ACTUALLY MAKING PORT AND HAVING THE US SCIENTISTS GO ASHORE IN A SMALL BOAT. IF THE ZAGORIANI DOES NEED TO MAKE A FULL PORT CALL, IT WILL HAVE TO BE AT A REGULAR PORT OF ENTRY SUCH AS ANCHORAGE WHERE US CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARE LOCATED AND THE SOVIET SHIP AGENT CAN SEE TO THE PROVISIONING OF THE VESSEL. DUTCH HARBOR IS NOT A REGULAR PORT OF ENTRY IN ALASKA. IF THE ZAGORIANI CHOOSES TO MAKE PORT AT ANCHORAGE, THE US SCIENTISTS CAN DISEMBARK THERE. WE HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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DISCUSSED THIS WITH MR. ZNAMENSKIY OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WHO INDICATED THAT HE WILL CONTACT THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT THE VESSEL NOW PLANS TO DO. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE IMMEDIATELY.

ON YET ANOTHER SUBJECT, PLEASE RECALL THAT TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS ARE SCHEDULED TO WORK ON OCE SEALS AND WALRUS WITH

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME SCIENTISTS (SEE PAGE FIVE OF THE JANUARY 20, 1976, PROTOCOL) FROM ABOUT JULY 10 TO AUGUST 10, 1976, IN THE AREA OF POINT BARROW, ALASKA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS FROM YOU ON THIS VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE: THE NAMES OF THE TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS, THEIR EXACT ARRIVAL DATES AND FLIGHT SCHEDULES, WHETHER THEY WISH TO WORK AT THE MUSEUMS IN SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON, D.C., EN ROUTE HOMEWARD, AND THEIR ESTIMATED DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM THE USA. THE VISITING SCIENTISTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY ABOUT FOUR DAYS' LIVING EXPENSES AT THE START OF THE VISIT IN ALASKA (FAIRBANKS) AT DOLS 50 PER DAY AND THEIR LIVING EXPENSES IN SEATTLE AND WASHINGTON FOR THE THREE OR FOUR DAYS SPENT IN EACH CITY AT ABOUT DOLS 30 PER DAY. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE AIRLINE TICKETS AND RESERVATIONS BOOKED TO POINT BARROW, ALASKA, AND RETURN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THESE MATTERS.
SINCERELY, WILLIAM A. BROWN" SISCO

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